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1. Between January and April 1953, the Chinese Communist authorities discovered approximately 70 bands of anti-Communist armed forces in the Suiyuan and Inner Mongolian border area. These bands totaled approximately 700 with a maximum number of 30 men per band. Members hid in mountains and deserted grasslands. These bands killed Chinese Communists in the area and seized their supplies.
2. The Chinese Communist cavalry and public security troops of the Mongolian-Suiyuan Military Region made repeated encirclement attacks which, prior to April, proved unsuccessful in eliminating these bands. During April the Mongolian-Suiyuan Military Region adopted a blockade policy which was expected to eliminate these anti-Communist guerrillas before the end of 1953.² Cavalry and militia were to be sent deep into the mountains to search out these rebel bands.
3. Suiyuan public security troops found from the confessions of captured anti-Communist guerrillas that these bands had the following characteristics:
 - a. They were composed principally of former Nationalist soldiers, with some deposed landlords and minority group members. Principal weapons used were shotguns, with knives and axes employed as auxiliary weapons. No automatic weapons were available to these bands.
 - b. Each band was independent and without lateral communications. The bands ranged in size from five to thirty men who were hard pressed for survival. Some bands employed political slogans.

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1. Comment. See comments in on Mongolian-Suiyuan Military Region.
2. Comment. para. 6, for Chinese Communist use of blockade tactics of Chekiang Kiangsu border area.

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